

Agricultural Water Management Board
First Virtual Meeting Outline – March 10, 2021
1 pm – 3:30 pm

This meeting will provide Board members with an understanding of the purpose and history of the Board. The discussion will center on core DEP water withdrawal rules that affect agricultural water usage and planning and highlight 2020 water resource conditions and constraints. The discussion will prepare the Board to begin determining priority areas of focus and action at its next meeting.

1. Welcome Remarks – Nancy McBrady, Director, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (DACF) and Brian Kavanah, Director, Bureau of Water Quality (DEP) (5 minutes)
2. Board Member and Staff Introductions/Backgrounds (30 minutes)
3. DEP Rule Chapter 587 Overview and the Creation of AWMB – Rob Mohlar, Water Quality Engineer, DEP (20 minutes)
4. 2020 Drought Task Force Final Report Overview – Bob Marvinney, State Geologist and Director, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning (20 minutes)
5. BREAK (10 minutes)
6. DEP Response to 2020 Water Withdrawal Issues – Bill Sheehan, Director of Northern Maine Regional Office, DEP (30 minutes)
 - a. Conditions that required water withdrawal and caused withdrawal imbalance
 - b. Invitation for Board member discussion re 2020 experiences
7. Recap of Board Structure and Mission (20 minutes)
8. Public Comment/Questions (10 minutes)
9. Select Next Board Meeting Date (5 minutes)

DACF Staff Attendees: Nancy McBrady, Bob Marvinney, and Mark Hedrich
DEP Staff Attendees: Brian Kavanah, Bill Sheehan, Rob Mohlar